



Idaho State Board of Pharmacy

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To: Graduating Pharmacy Students

From: Ellen Mitchell, Licensing Coordinator

Re: Idaho Licensure by Examination

Idaho has the following requirements for granting pharmacist licensure by examination:

- ❖ Graduation from an approved pharmacy school
- ❖ Completed and approved application
- ❖ Passing NAPLEX score
- ❖ Passing Idaho jurisprudence exam score
- ❖ 1,500 extern hours

1. THE NAPLEX

A NAPLEX registration bulletin is available on the NABP website at www.nabp.net **please read the bulletin carefully.** (NABP has combined the NAPLEX and Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) registration bulletins. Please note that Idaho does not take part in the MPJE program.)

2. THE IDAHO LAW EXAM

Law review in Pocatello –
Wednesday, May 11th 3:00p – 5:00p
Holiday Inn, 1399 Bench Rd,
208.237.1400

Law exam in Pocatello –
Thursday, May 12th 10:00 a.m.
ISU Student Union Building
Salmon River Suite

If you score less than 75% on the exam, you will need to re-take the law exam. You may arrange a time after you pass the NAPLEX and have completed all other licensing requirements. Idaho law requires a 30-day period between law exam administrations and a \$50 fee for each sitting.

Instructions for finding Idaho pharmacy statutes/rules on the Internet are enclosed. You may view our website at <http://www.state.id.us/bop>

3. THE APPLICATION FOR IDAHO PHARMACIST LICENSURE

An application and separate instructions are enclosed. Idaho application and exam fee is \$150.00 (check or money order)

The fee covers:

- ❖ Processing fees
- ❖ Initial licensure fee
- ❖ Law exam fee
- ❖ Wall certificate

4. 1,500 EXTERN HOURS

You will need to have 1,500 hours on file with the Idaho Board prior to licensure. If you have hours in another state contact that state to request they certify your hours directly to us. Other states may have a form and/or fee.

- ❖ We will certify your Idaho extern/intern hours directly to other boards with a written request (no specific form required) and \$25 fee per state. Your request will be processed within a few days, please make sure that all hours have been submitted and approved prior to sending in your request (*there is a fee each time we certify hours*). You will be sent a photocopy of the certification for your records.
- ❖ If another state requires verification of your extern/intern registration, send us that state's form, or, if there is no form, send us a written request for verification. Be sure to note exactly what that state needs. There is no fee for verifying a registration.

5. IDAHO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REGISTRATION

Pharmacists who distribute controlled substances in Idaho must hold a controlled substance registration. Since this registration can be issued immediately after your pharmacist license is issued, you may want to submit the application and fee with your pharmacist license application and fee.

- ❖ The controlled substance fee is \$60 (annual renewal)
- ❖ Controlled substance registrations expire each December 31
- ❖ The controlled substance registration is only required if you will be working in Idaho

THE PROCESS

1. Send NAPLEX registration form and fee of \$430 (**money order or cashier's check only**) to:
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
PO Box 1057
Park Ridge IL 60068-7057
2. Send the Idaho pharmacist license application and fee (check or money order) to:
Idaho Board of Pharmacy
PO Box 83720
Boise ID 83720-0067

If you plan to work in Idaho you may include your controlled substance application and fee.

You may send one check to the Board of Pharmacy:

Application/exam fee	\$150
Controlled Substance Registration	<u>60</u>
	\$210

3. If necessary, arrange for your out-of-state extern/intern hours to be certified directly to the Idaho Board.

After approval of your application and graduation, verification is sent to NABP, (normally the Monday after graduation). You should receive your Authorization To Test (ATT) the beginning of June. When you have your ATT, call the Pro-Metrics Center of your choice to schedule the NAPLEX.

The board receives your score 5-7 business days after you take the exam. **We will notify you of your score by mail. Please do not call the Board office.**

Approximately 90% of all first-time test takers pass. Idaho State University's passing rate is almost 100%. NAPLEX scores are scaled from 0 to 140. The minimum passing score is 75. The national average passing score is approximately 100, and Idaho State University's average score is approximately 110.

For contact addresses, phone numbers, and web addresses of other Boards of Pharmacy, visit the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy website www.nabp.net (click on the red State Boards button at the bottom of the main screen).